

NCEC Committee of the Whole

Staff Report

TO: NCEC COW Members

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SUBJECT: Blueprint for Equitable Engagement

Actions Requested:

- Review of notes from Blueprint for Equitable Engagement focus groups.
 - Before the meeting, review notes looking to identify general themes, actions, opportunities that emerge from the notes

Discussion:

Phase I of focus group sessions for the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement have come to a close. NCR staff appreciates the partnership, support and commitment of the NCEC commissioners that spent several evenings/afternoons actively listening and documenting the perspectives of residents and community leaders (neighborhood and community organizations).

Next Steps toward developing the report to City Council:

At the meeting we will focus on organizing the comments into these (3) buckets (themes):

1. Within department/NCEC focus
 - a. Short term actions that can be accomplished or addressed in the next 6 months of 2015
 - b. Longer-term items that require further action or investigation where implementation is more than 6 months out.
2. Outside of NCR/NCEC: Items not directly related to engagement but have value in improving the operations of the city.
 - a. Short term actions that can be accomplished or addressed in the next 6 months of 2015

- b. Longer-term items that require further action or investigation where implementation is more than 6 months out.
3. Items that are good ideas that may not fit in the above buckets

16 focus groups held:

- City Council's HECE and NCEC community meetings (2)
 - [7/31/2014 and 8/2/2014 Notes](#) (doc)
- Latino Engagement Task Force
 - [6/28/14 Notes](#)
- Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
 - [6/18/2014 Notes](#) (doc)
- Senior Advisory Committee and the Senior Skyway Center
 - [8/27/2014 Notes](#) (doc)
- Neighborhood Focus Groups
 - [9/10/2014 Notes](#) (doc) - South Minneapolis Neighborhoods
- Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors
 - [7/2/2014 Notes](#)
- SE Asian Community Organizations
 - [7/18/2014 Notes](#) (Cambodian Community),
 - [7/24/2014 Notes](#) (Lao Community)
 - [8/7/2014 Notes](#) (Hmong Community)
- East African Community Organizations
 - [7/19/2014 Notes](#)
- LGBTQ Community
 - [8/18/2014 Notes](#) (doc)

In addition, the following focus groups have not been posted yet but here they are: (attached via hyper link also).

- African American Issues Dialogue
 - [9/25/14 Notes](#) (doc)
- Transgender Equity Summit
 - [9/25/14 Notes](#) (doc)
- Renters Focus Group
 - [9/30/14 Notes](#) (doc)
- Neighborhood Focus Group
 - [9/20/2014 Notes](#) (doc) – NE Minneapolis Neighborhoods